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(SBU) Czech Director of Human Rights and Transition Policy, Gabriela Dlouha, thanked us for providing details related to our most recently imposed sanctions against Burma. Dlouha and Embassy Officials have discussed the Czechs' support of human rights and democracy in Burma numerous times, as well as their engagement within the EU on this topic (reftels B, C, and D). With respect to strengthening existing EU sanctions, she referenced the EU Foreign Ministers discussion on October 15 and 16 at the General Affairs and External Relations Council (GAERC). The Foreign Ministers announced in their GAERC conclusions that they stood ready to "review, amend or reinforce" their current measures in light of developments on the ground. They also specifically referenced a potential ban on new investments as one measure they have requested advice on from the relevant EU bodies. The Czechs support this approach.  
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